HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE OF THE COA

Meeting Notes March 7, 2017 9-10:30am

7300 Calhoun Place, Room 6C, Rockville, MD

In Attendance: David Denton, Syed Yusuf, Revathi Vikram

Staff: Tina Purser Langley

Guests: Marsha Weber, Dr. Alan Kaplan, Beth K. Shapiro, Aryeh Baronofsky, Bozena Skrabah, Mary Anderson, Montgomery

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Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/follow-up
1. Welcome and Introductions	1. Additional committee members needed.	Community partners and new Commissioners to be recruited this spring.
2. Assign Note taker	2. Call for a volunteer. Hearing none, attendees were asked to send a copy of their notes from today's meeting to David and Tina and they would compile the minutes.	2. Please consider volunteering to be a note taker at a future meeting.
3. 2017 Health and Wellness Committee Initiatives/Interests	 3a. Continuation of Dental Summer Study Provide input on development of new Maryland Oral Health Plan. Advocate for funding to be included in the State budget for Medicaid coverage of dental services for adults. Maryland Dental Action Coalition, state/ other county Commissions on Aging, Montgomery County delegation, United Seniors of Maryland, Anne Arundel Oral Health Task Force and others. 	 Judy is now representing and advocating our legislative agenda in partnership with Maryland Dental Action Coalition. Tina is preparing a grant request for \$68,000 in FY 2018 for mobile dental services. Mary Anderson brought and distributed information and promotional materials for the NACo prescription, dental and health

•	Note: NACO 15% discount dental program
	launched in MoCo Jan. 12 th

3b. End of Life Coalition

- Judy discussed the "Death with Dignity" Bill, which has House and Senate support.
- A palliative care planning grant for \$5,000 is being pursued.

3c. Senior Center Plus

 Early onset dementia is increasing and creating more challenges for the recreation/senior centers in accommodating the needs of these individuals. While there is a need, it is uncertain whether the funding for these programs shall fall within the Rec Dept or the Aging and Disabilities HHS budget. A more comprehensive program description, with definable goals and objectives will be written, followed by a more concise budget. Program locations will need to be identified. discounts program. Mary reported that there are currently between 600-700 dentists, including specialists, in the county accepting the NACo discount card. The prescription program was started in the county 10 years ago. Mary expressed her willingness to help increase awareness of these programs and WISH through various county communication mediums.

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This committee can help support the Senior Center Plus concept and advocate for funding. One place to start would be during the legislative visits in April.

4. Announcements

5. Other Business/Next Meeting

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- CoA Stakeholder's Meeting: March 29th, 8:30am-12:30pm, Silver Spring Civic Center
- Senior Resource Fair, Longwood Community Center, June 1st from 10am-1pm.
- GROWS will be represented at future meetings, in addition to Marcia, who is a member.
- CoA Co-chairs meeting with new Commissioners is scheduled on March 30th from 10am – 12pm.
- 5. Next Meeting: April 4, 2017 9:00am 10:30am